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Applicant requests that the Examiner consider references which have come to Applicant's attention based on a European Search Report dated March 5, 2004.

FR 1 286 787 has been cited under Category X with the entire document indicated to be relevant to European Claims 1, 3, 4 and 16. There is no known English equivalent document. The reference discloses a connection arrangement with a body (1) and retaining piece (2) connected to a flexible tube (11) via a jacket structure thereby retaining the flexible tube (11) in connection with the tubular body (1).

EP 0 545 410 A has been cited under Category X with column 3 line 14 through column 4 line 27 and column 5 lines 25-37 and Figures 1, 2 and 10 indicated to be relevant to European claims 1-4, 7, 9-11 and 15. The reference discloses a sealing quick-coupling device for an unbraided flexible metal tube.

DE 298 14 416 U1 has been cited under Category X with page 5 line 17 through page 6 line 12 as well as Figures 5-8 indicated to be relevant to European Claims 1-7, 10, 11 and 15. The reference discloses an end piece 14 used at either end of a cable protection sleeve (12) which encloses protection cables.

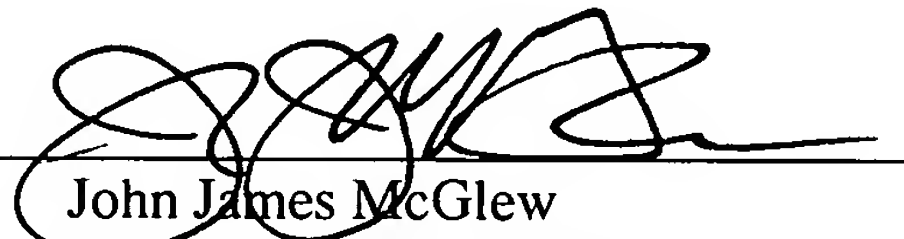
U.S. 5,015,013 has been cited under Category X with column 3 line 8 through column 4 line 51 and Figures indicated to be relevant to European Claims 1, 2, 7 and 9. The reference discloses a connector fitting for connecting corrugated conduit sections.

U.S. 5,984,375 has been cited under Category A with Figures 1 and 2 indicated to be relevant to European Claim 8.

Consideration of the references is requested.

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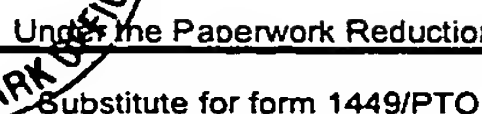


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